

## BALFOUR WILL GO TO LOSS AND DAMAGE MEETING

Transportation Inspector to Represent Local Offices at Pueblo Gathering; Superintendent Sears Sees Improvement.

The Albuquerque offices of the Santa Fe railway will be represented at the company's semi-annual loss and damage meeting at Pueblo next week by William Balfour, transportation inspector. The meeting will begin Monday morning and last four or five days. Mr. Balfour will leave for Pueblo tomorrow.

The object of the conference is to plan for a continuance of the campaign inaugurated in Albuquerque in the spring of 1913 by the Santa Fe for cooperation between the company and those of its patrons who ship freight. For the elimination of the causes of loss and damage in freight transportation. The situation has improved materially since the Santa Fe started its general movement six years ago, the amount paid annually into the loss and damage fund having been reduced from three per cent of the company's earnings to a fraction over one per cent.

General Superintendent T. H. Sears of Pueblo passed through Albuquerque today on his way to Pueblo to attend the meeting.

"While our showing is good," Mr. Sears said, "we hope for still further improvement, and believe we will have it. Shippers are giving us earnest support by using containers and exercising more care in stowing freight in the cars, and we are doing our part by better inspection and a more careful handling of freight in transit."

It is expected that 100 or more officials from all over the Santa Fe system will participate in the Pueblo meeting.

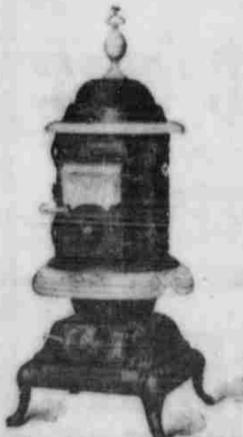
## BIG GAME PRESERVE TO BE BUILT IN COLFAX COUNTY

George H. Fowler Gets Permit to Fence Sixty Thousand Acres to Breed Mule Deer and Other Game.

Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 25.—The state game warden today issued a permit to George H. Fowler and associates to fence 60,000 acres in the Dry Chautauque canon, Colfax county, where it is proposed to breed and protect mule deer and other game. Colfax and eastern parties are interested in the venture.

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## HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

TO STUDY ROAD CONDITIONS

Data Being Sought Looking Toward Standardized System of Local Road Management.

Detailed studies of local road building systems in 100 counties are now being carried on by the department of agriculture in co-operation with the state highway departments and local road authorities. The purpose of this study is to discover the points of excellence and defects in existing local methods of building and maintaining roads which will aid the state authorities to put local road management on a systematic basis. The co-operating state authorities have been asked to designate counties that present typical and exceptional features as to topography, character of road materials, methods of construction and maintenance, administrative organization, methods of road financing and traffic conditions. From these lists 100 counties will be selected, and in these counties the division of road economics will make intensive studies.

This investigation is prompted by the fact that there is at present very little knowledge as to the most effective and economical methods by which a county can develop its roads. At present the methods of financing local road improvements vary from



Rolling a Road Surface.

calling on farmers for a certain number of days labor in lieu of a road tax, or the use of county prisoners in road construction, to bond issues or maintenance of roads from dramsop license funds.

The department will study all of these systems with the view to determining what system or combination of systems works best in actual practice.

There is, however, at present no standard system of keeping accounts for road building and maintenance, and as a result, while some counties know to a penny the purpose for which money was spent, others have no definite check or reporting system. Among various counties with the same conditions, cost for excavation or other labor is anything but uniform, and many counties, because of the absence of definite knowledge, fail to use local and cheap materials and construct roads which are unnecessarily expensive for their purpose, or which will wear out before the bond issues are redeemed. The investigation will include a careful study of the use of convict labor in road construction.

In connection with the scientific study, the department's highway engineers will advise freely with local officials as to improvements, and thus give each county visited the advantage of direct co-operation, engineering supervision and assistance.

These investigations, it is believed, will yield important economic data bearing especially on the benefits and burdens of road improvement and showing the extent to which financial outlay under given typical conditions is justifiable.

The heads of state highway departments are manifesting great interest and are co-operating cordially in this work. These data when obtained will be published and thus made accessible to all county and state road officials.

### Letting Sun Shine on Highway.

The earth road should have at least six hours of sunshine each day. This can be obtained either by locating the road with southern or western exposure or by having such brush and trees as impede the drying action of the sun and wind removed. With gravel and stone roads this is not so necessary, as a certain amount of moisture is needed on such roads, especially in the summer time.

### Brings Market Nearer.

The good road brings the market nearer to your farm and adds materially to the value of the place, whether you want to sell or live there.

### Soaking Dry Roadbeds.

Roads should never be located so close to stream beds as to be subject to overflow, or on ground which is constantly damp and marshy.

### Every Citizen Interested.

A highway is no longer of purely local interest. Every citizen of a state is interested in the roads.

### TRAINLOAD OF SOLDIERS FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Five carloads of soldiers from

Fort Logan, bound for the Philippines, via San Francisco, passed through here this afternoon. The cars constituted a special train. It halted here for an hour and a half, and the officers in charge of the men exercised them about the streets. Many discharged soldiers from the Philippines have passed through here on their way eastward recently. The detachment headed for the islands is to fill the gaps in the forces left by discharges.

## SANDOVAL IS SUING SANTA FE FOR BACK TAXES

Levies for Special Purposes Were Illegally Laid upon it. Grand Jury Inspection

Suit has been started by the district attorney's office, through H. B. Jamison, assistant district attorney, to recover \$17,879 back taxes alleged to be due Sandoval county by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company. The taxes are claimed for the years 1906 to 1913, inclusive.

The claim represents certain levies for special purposes, such as bridges, which the railroad contends the county has no legal right to impose upon it.

The suit is important, aside from the considerable sum at stake. District Attorney Manuel L. Vigil said

today that if the railroad succeeded having the court uphold its contention, it was possible that other taxpayers might attack such levies. The grand jury, his afternoon, inspected the jail and all the county offices, according to law and custom. They adjourned to tomorrow after the tour of inspection. District Attorney Vigil said the jurors were rapidly disposing of their work and he expected that final returns would be the first part of the week.

### TODAY IN CONGRESS.

#### SENATE.

Met at 11 a. m. Senator Smoot made a speech on the war revenue bill.

It was voted to take up the Clayton bill for final vote after the Alaskan coal land leasing bill.

#### HOUSE.

Met at noon. The war revenue bill was taken up for passage.

Rivers and harbors committee agreed to recommend senate substitute cutting appropriation to \$20,000,000.

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### FOUR LANGUAGES USED IN CASE IN DISTRICT COURT IN SANTA FE

Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 24.—Four languages were used in the district

court here today in the case of Nicholas Nicolich against Jose Vergilio. They were English, Spanish, Italian and Montenegrin. The Italian and Montenegrin were translated twice, into English and Spanish, while the Spanish was translated once, as is the usual custom in New Mexico courts where jurors sometimes speak but one of the two languages in general use in the state.

The parties to the suit are residents of Madrid, where many foreign miners are employed and some of the witnesses could speak neither English or Spanish.

Alvan N. White, superintendent of public instruction today endorsed the plan of holding county contests in school subjects initiated by Curry county. Circulars giving full instructions for county superintendents who wish to hold such contests have been prepared and sent out to all superintendents.

The people of Taos county are hard at work building a road from Taos to Taos Junction. The work is being done by popular subscription of money, men and materials. This road opens up some of the most interesting country in this section of the state to automobile traffic to that town. This is a part of the Camino Real and is being graded and surfaced by a kind of convicts.

Governor McDonald today named Mrs. Harriet Lee Henderson a delegate to the sixth annual purity congress to be held at Kansas City November 5 to 9. She is a resident of Las Vegas.

There are ten per cent more school children in Santa Fe county this year than there were last, according to Superintendent J. V. Conway. Last year there were 5,575 pupils and this year there are 6,197. The largest district is a country one, with a total enrollment of 287. Climatological work for the year is

about ended and employees who have been in the field measuring stream-flow and seepage and carrying on other work of the service are returning to work on their notes.

## HEAVY INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CATTLE IN PEGOS VALLEY

Roswell Stockman Says Three or Four Times the Number Now on Range in Eastern New Mexico Over Four Years Ago.

(Roswell News.)

It is not known by the people of eastern New Mexico that there are five times as many cattle in this section today as there were only three or four years ago, out such is the fact, according to the statement of a stockman who knows conditions as well as any in these parts.

"Even the cowmen themselves do not seem to realize this point," asserted this stockman.

"It means a big asset to this section, too," he continued. "All must finally admit that the sheep and cattle industry is the backbone and sinew of eastern New Mexico. At this time, when the beef supply of the country is limited, when the country is in financial stringency, to have thousands of head of good, fat cattle dol-

ling the plains and foothills, is a mighty size idea.

"The country never was more favorable for a good winter season for the stock. Grass could not be better, and cattle are fat, and plenty of water for all, if the water is well taken care of."

"Why such a heavy increase in cattle in four years?" was asked.

"Just natural increase. Some stuff has been shipped in. Very few cows, in fact practically none, have been shipped out."

"This is a day of the small cowboy. All over the valleys, out on the plains, in the mountains and in the foothills, one finds the cowboy with just a few head. Maybe fifty to a hundred. That herd is increasing fast, and is better taken care of than in former years, when the stock room ed the range, got lost, sick, and died."

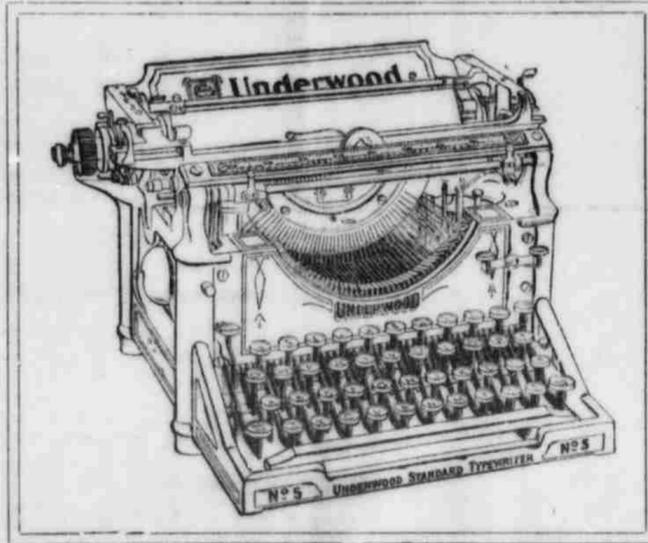
"That was in the day when the cow or steer was not valuable. When it brought from \$15 to \$20 a head. That same animal is worth now from \$20 to \$40 a head. The little cowboy, as well as the big stockman, sees that an animal does not get lost. If a steer gets sick, it is tended to. It is not allowed to lay down and die without some attention being paid to save it."

"Again, cattlemen are now feeding cake to their stock. Silos are being constructed and are dotting the whole country. This move shows what is what. That cattle raising is becoming more scientific. Old-time cowmen who once rough-pounded the idea of the silo, the meal cake, or just other fattener and conservers of feed, are now the strongest boosters."

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